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In re Application of: Gary Haberland

Application No. 09/580,721; Filing Date: May 30, 2000

Title of Application: Trocar System Having Shielded Trocar

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal Sheet PTO/SB/17 and Petition for Two Month Extension of Time in duplicate; and
2. Supplemental Amendment and Response to Office Action dated April 12, 2006 and Advisory Action dated August 1, 2006;

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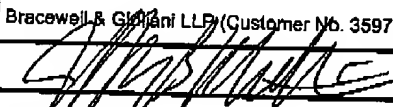
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	First Named Inventor	Haberland, et al.	
	Art Unit	3731	
	Examiner Name	Michael H. Thaler	
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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	0
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	0
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	0
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	0
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	0

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)
Multiple dependent claims

Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
50	25
200	100
360	180

Total Claims Extra Claims Fee (\$)

- 20 or HP = _____ x _____ = _____

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Indep. Claims Extra Claims Fee (\$)

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